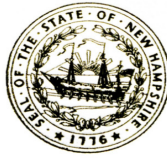


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Friends,

This past week, the Executive Council confirmed Governor Hassan's nominations for three Department heads: Commissioners of Insurance Roger Seigny, Revenue Administration John Beardmore, and Information Technology Peter Hastings.

The Governor also nominated Jim Craig to serve as Labor Commissioner; a public hearing will be held June 17, at 5:30 in the State House.

We also tackled a number of issues with specific regional importance in the district I represent:

(1) Projects impacting Merrimack Co & Central NH: Pavement repairs at Hugh Gallen State Office Park, an easement in Newbury that allows a senior housing facility, expanding a loan for Franklin water system improvements, selling land to allow a walking trail between Tilton & Franklin, contract with the Central NH Regional Planning Commission, public outreach consultant for Capitol Corridor Rail study, and support for CAT and Concord Trailway buses.

(2) Projects impacting the Monadnock Region: Finalization of requirements for Brookbend East housing project in Keene, contract with the Southwest Region Planning Commission, and public transportation in Charlestown and Keene.

(3) Projects impacting Strafford & Belknap Co: Work on Berry Brook/Cocheco River, Suncook River erosion work, water improvements in Durham and Barnstead, drainage work along Spaulding Turnpike in Dover & Rochester, contract with Strafford Regional Planning Commission, and elderly and disability public transportation in Dover.

(4) Other projects & policies with statewide impact: Renewed legal support for homeowners facing foreclosure, renewed support for state Director of Broadband Planning, establishing wildflower fields along major highways using voluntary Conservation license plate funds, and a study of extending commuter rail from Haverhill, MA to Plaistow, NH.

(5) Confirmations & Nominations: Confirmed Commissioners of Insurance, Revenue & IT; heard nomination for Commissioner of Labor (Jim Craig).

Full details on all these items are included below. The next meeting is on June 19. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know – and **if you prefer not to receive these updates, just drop me an email and let me know and I'll remove you from this list.**

Sincerely,
Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

FULL 6/5 AGENDA: <http://1.usa.gov/11Nzb1N>
(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

The Council approved:

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH PROJECTS

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with J. Parker & Daughters Inc., for Phase II Roadway & Parking Rehabilitation & Stormwater Improvements, Concord, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$598,000. (2) Further Authorized a contingency in the amount of \$19,846 for unanticipated expenses, bringing the total to \$617,846. Effective upon G&C approval through October 15, 2013. **98% Capital – General, 2% Federal Funds.** (3) Further Authorized the amount of \$27,900 for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction, for Capital Clerk oversight services provided, bringing the total to \$645,746. **100% Capital – General Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Division of Historic Resources to accept a Perpetual Historic Preservation Easement consisting of the real property and archaeological sites on approximately 4.237 acres along NH Route 103 in Newbury, NH, and no appraised value, from Newbury Elderly Housing Inc. Effective upon G&C approval.

[Authorized](#) to amend an original loan agreement with the City of Franklin, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 3-28-12, item #98), to finance water system improvements, by increasing the loan amount by \$340,000 from \$3,030,000 to \$3,370,000. Effective upon G&C approval. **79% Federal, 21% Capital (General) Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Right of Way to sell two parcels of State owned land, 0.94 +/- acre and 0.1 +/- acre, located on the southerly side of US Route 3/NH Route 11 in the Town of Tilton to the Town of Tilton for \$14,700 which includes a \$1,100 Administrative Fee. Effective upon G&C approval.

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance to enter into a contract with the Central NH Regional Planning Commission, Concord, NH, to undertake certain transportation related planning activities, in the amount of \$451,240. Effective July 1, 2013 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into a memorandum of agreement with the NH Rail Transit Authority, to work collaboratively toward the selection of a public outreach and public relations consultant, in the amount of \$40,000. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2014. **80% Federal, 20% State Capital Funding (General Fund Bonded Expenses).**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter in an agreement with Community Action Programs Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH, for public transportation services in the Concord and Laconia areas, for an amount not to exceed \$1,384,588. Effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Rail & Transit to amend a contract with Concord Coach Lines, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-20-12, item #240), for intercity bus services from Berlin, North Conway, and Littleton to Boston, MA, by increasing the amount by \$232,904 from \$257,745 to \$490,649. Effective July 1, 2013 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK PROJECTS

[Authorized](#) to amend an agreement with the County of Cheshire, Keene, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 3-7-12, item #4, in the amount of \$500,000), to allow for finalization of administrative legal and

occupancy contract requirements, by extending the completion date to June 30, 2014 from June 30, 2013. No Additional Funding. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance to enter into a contract with the Southwest Region Planning Commission, Keene, NH, to undertake certain transportation related planning activities, in the amount of \$627,904.99. Effective July 1, 2013 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter in an agreement with the Community Alliance of Human Services Inc., Claremont, NH, for public transportation services in the Claremont, Newport and Charlestown area, for an amount not to exceed \$498,228. Effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter in an agreement with VNA @ HCS Inc., Keene, NH, for public transportation services in the City of Keene, for an amount not to exceed \$531,138. Effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD/BELKNAP PROJECTS

[Authorized](#) to enter into an agreement with the City of Dover, NH, to complete the Berry Brook / Cocheco River Watershed Management Plan Implementation Phase III project, in the amount of \$180,232. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) to amend a **sole source** agreement with the Central NH Planning Commission, (originally approved by G&C on 11-9-11, item #84), to complete the Suncook River Fluvial Erosion Hazard Community Assistance project, by extending the completion date to June 30, 2014 from June 30, 2013, and by changing the scope of services to reflect revisions to various tasks. **100% Capital (General) Funds.**

[Authorized](#) to amend a **sole source** Cooperative Project Agreement with the US Geological Survey, St. Petersburg Coastal and Marine Science Center, St. Petersburg, FL, (originally approved by G&C on 7-11-12, item #60, in the amount of \$62,920), to complete an airborne topographic survey of the Suncook River in support of the Suncook River Fluvial Erosion Hazard project, by extending the completion date to June 30, 2015 from June 30, 2013. No Additional Funds. **100% Capital (General) Funds.**

[Authorized](#) to approve a Supplemental Loan Agreement with the Town of Durham, in the amount of \$445,000, which finalizes the loan amount used to finance the water system improvements project. Effective upon G&C approval. **50% ARRA, 50% Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) Repayment Funds.**

[Authorized](#) an Allonge to Promissory Note and Amendment of Loan Agreement with Pennichuck East Utility Inc., Merrimack, NH, by reducing the original amount of \$525,000 by \$125,000, for a final amount of \$400,000, which finalizes the loan amount used to finance the water system improvements project at the Locke Lake water system in Barnstead, NH. Effective upon G&C approval. **79% Federal, 21% Capital (General) Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with S.U.R. Construction Inc., Rochester, NH, for drainage system improvements along the Spaulding Turnpike, Dover, Milton, and Rochester, on the basis of a low bid of \$454,762. Effective upon G&C approval through November 8, 2013. **100% Turnpike Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance to amend a contract with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, Rochester, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 5-25-11, item #141), to continue work relative to completing an update to its Transportation Model: complete validation of

model assigned link output against traffic data and preparing final document and training for staff, by extending the completion date from June 30, 2013 to December 31, 2013. No Additional Funding.

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into an agreement with Cooperative Alliance for Seacoast Transportation, Dover, NH, for coordinated transportation services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities, for an amount not to exceed \$207,884. Effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

4. DETAIL: OTHER PROJECTS & POLICIES

[Authorized](#) to enter into three contracts for the purpose of providing greater access to legal services for homeowners facing foreclosure with : NH Legal Assistance, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$1,068,479; Legal Advice Referral Center, Concord, NH, in the amount of \$788,387; and NH Bar Association Legal Services (Pro Bono Referral Program), Concord, NH, in the amount of \$516,259. Effective September 19, 2013 through September 18, 2015. **100% Agency Income (Mortgage Settlement Funds).**

[Authorized](#) to amend an award of grant funds to NH Housing Finance Authority (originally approved by G&C on 12-8-10, item #67), in the amount of \$2,000,000, for the purpose of lowering energy costs and reducing CO2 emissions, by extending the completion date from June 30, 2013 to December 31, 2013. **100% Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Fund (GHGERF).**

[Authorized](#) the Division of Economic Development to accept and expend a sub-grant award in the amount of \$82,687 from the University of NH, to support the position of Director of Broadband and Technology Planning and Development. Effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. (2)Further Authorized to enter into a **retroactive** agreement with the University of NH for the purpose of promoting the State of NH's Broadband Mapping and Planning Program from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2014. **100% Agency Income (Federal ARRA) Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with L.A. Brochu Inc., Concord, NH, for establishing native and naturalized wildflower fields along roadways throughout the State utilizing funds through the Moose Plate Program, on the basis of a low bid of \$184,800. Effective upon G&C approval through October 31, 2014. **100% Agency Income (Conservation Plate Fund).**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Rail & Transit to enter into an agreement with HDR Engineering Inc., Boston, MA, to evaluate the potential development of an extension of commuter rail service operated by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, from Haverhill, MA to Plaistow, NH, for a fee not to exceed \$658,316. Effective upon G&C approval through March 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS:

(* = District 2 Resident)

Confirmed:

Commissioner of the Department of Revenue: John T. Beardmore, Hopkinton, NH*

Commissioner of the Department of Information Technology: Peter C. Hastings, Derry, NH

Commissioner of the Department of Insurance: Roger A. Sevigny, Manchester, NH

Deputy Commissioner of Banking: Ingrid E. White, Bow, NH

Board of Auctioneers: Robert P. Secord, West Swanzey, NH

Community College System of NH Board of Trustees: Allen R. Damren, Claremont, NH

Community College System of NH Board of Trustees: Geraldine Ilukowicz, Grantham, NH

Executive Branch Ethics Committee: Patricia B. Quigley, Concord, NH*

Fire Standards and Training: Kerry Le Blanc, Bedford, NH

Higher Education Commission: Paula Marie Buley, Nashua, NH

Lakes Management Advisory Committee: Frederick C. Clews, Hampton, NH

Speech-Language Therapy Governing Board: Luann Udell, Keene, NH*

Board of Nursing: Tracey L. Collins, Rochester, NH*

Board of Nursing: Nora C. Fortin, Stratham, NH

Board of Nursing: Kathleen M. Kidder, Andover, NH

Real Estate Appraisers Board: Patricia C. Sherman, Newbury, NH*

Nominated by Governor Hassan, to be voted on at a future meeting:

Commissioner of the Department of Labor: James W. Craig, Manchester, NH

Community College System Board of Trustees:

Claudette L. Mahar, Amherst, NH

David C. Paquette, Hooksett, NH

Angela M. Roussel-Roberge, Mont Vernon, NH

Higher Education Commission: Roger Williams, Greenfield; Eli Rivera, Keene, NH*

Judicial Council: Steven David Lubrano, Hanover, NH

Board of Psychologists:

Steven C. Atkins, Hanover, NH

Sarah Avery-Leaf, Durham, NH*

Anna Elbroch, Exeter, NH

David B. Goldstein, Auburn, NH

Polly Hall, Durham, NH*

Roger L. Peterson, Spofford, NH*

Vincent N. Scalese, Thornton, NH

Public Employee Labor Relations Board: Michele E. Kenney, Portsmouth, NH

Board of Managers of the New Hampshire Veterans' Home: Richard L. Murphy, Merrimack, NH

Volunteer New Hampshire Board of Directors: Scott McGilvray, Hooksett, NH